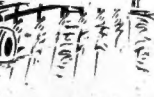




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For more information call 996-5568.

Lifeguards Seminar

Rick Grubbs of Lifeguards Ministry will present another "Enduring the Time" seminar entitled "Procrastination" Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Community Fellowship Church, S.R. 880, 601 S.E. 3th Street, Belle Glade.

Many who have attended the first two seminars will be encouraged to complete the series with Part III. Material will be provided free of charge. No offering will be received. For more information call 996-5568.

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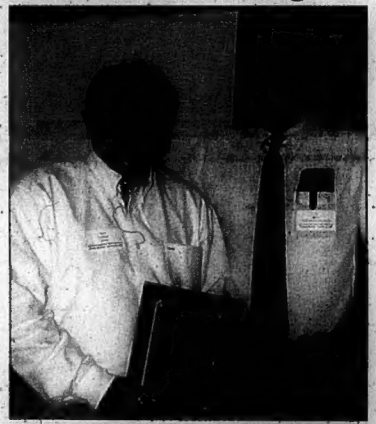
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"This unmanaged and often ruthless competition has promoted the deterioration of rural health care and estranged many rural providers and consumers," according to a brochure by the network.

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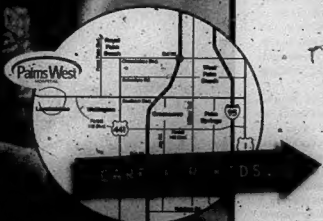
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Multiple Sclerosis findings provide physicians with new insight and empower patients

SA)-When chronic disease is an inescapable part of life, medical research and treatment options are always in demand. So when the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Ford, M.D., Ph.D., at the University of New Mexico separate, important findings in the same Jackie Jordan embraced news with open arms.

First advancement was national MS Society's statement advocating initiation of drug therapy with a definite diagnosis of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis. Then Dr. director of the Multiple Sclerosis Specialty Clinic at the University of New Mexico Medical Center, unveiled five-year data demonstrating people with multiple sclerosis

who are treated with Copaxone® (glatiramer acetate for injection) do well over time because the drug reduces the severity and frequency of relapses.

Jordan is one of approximately 350,000 Americans living with multiple sclerosis. As a seven-year Copaxone® veteran, she's a living testimony of medical progress. At one time her disease forced her to use a cane and threatened to progressively worsen her ability to walk. For this advertising executive and mother of three, the thought of losing her mobility was almost more than she could bear.

"Before I took Copaxone®, I felt as though I was the living dead," she remembered. "I had no emotion, no life. I felt like a non-person. I decided to participate in the study because I



believed that doing something was better than doing nothing." Enter Dr. Ford, her neurologist. He is gratified to be part of Jordan's success story.

"On therapy, Jackie regained her emotional independence and entered a period of stabilization of the disability caused by MS," he said. "That was essential to her, and it's critical to the majority of people living

with this disease."

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable autoimmune-mediated disease of the central nervous system that typically strikes people between the ages of 20 and 40 and lasts a lifetime. In the past, when exacerbations or new symptoms were not present, it was often acceptable for patients to forgo therapy. But the society's call to action and the Copaxone® Study Group's findings elevate the importance of carefully selecting a treatment, making certain the treatment works well over time and starting the therapy as soon as possible.

"Patients with multiple sclerosis need treatments that last longer than the two or three years that these drugs are typically tested," Dr. Ford said. "We have shown that Copax-

one® is a drug that has sustained efficacy at least out to five years, and we will continue to follow study participants through 10 years of therapy and beyond. This study becomes especially important as more people go on therapy."

"The Copaxone® has slowed down the relapsing MS for me," Jordan said. "I'm working 12-14 hour days and doing very well with standing and walking. Currently, I am not using any kind of help aids. I'm very pleased with my results, and so is Dr. Ford."

Unfortunately, not everyone with multiple sclerosis can participate in a clinical trial or have access to leading neurological researchers. So it is important for people to understand this news and to prompt new and meaningful discussions with their primary multi-

sclerosis providers. Jordan not only collaborates closely with Dr. Ford, she also makes a special effort to learn as much as possible about her disease. Doing so means she participates in her own care, and she believes that's good advice for others.

"Join some sort of a chat room, get on the Internet, talk to people that have MS and definitely get on some sort of therapy," she said. "There is no cure at this point in life, but there will be. And whatever you can do to slow the disease down is better than not doing anything. Do something that makes your life yours again."

If you have multiple sclerosis and are not currently on drug therapy, talk to your physician or call the National MS Society at 800/FIGHTMS or Shared Solutions™ at 800/887-8100.

Key to shed light on women's health

SPSA)-This year, the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) one of the largest studies of women's health, passed a landmark. It met its goal of rolling 167,000 American women, aged 50-79, from men.

It was launched by the National Institutes of Health in 1991. It is a 15-year investigation that will help in answer some of the crucial questions on heart disease, colorectal cancer, and arthritis.

The initiative is conducted by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), in cooperation with the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Institute on Aging. It has three parts: A clinical

is looking at the effects of hormone replacement therapy on heart disease, osteoporosis, and vitamin D supplements. An observational study is examining the interplay of lifestyle, disease risk factors, and health. And a community prevention study, done

with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is seeing how best to encourage women to adopt healthful behaviors.

WHI's main results won't be available for another 7 years. Until then, scientists at NHLBI advise women to keep healthy by:

- Following a healthy eating plan that's low in saturated fat, total fat, and cholesterol, and high in fruits, vegetables, and low-fat dairy products.

- Maintaining a healthy weight. To shed extra weight, don't lose more than 1/2 to 1 pound a week.

- Not smoking cigarettes. This is the most preventable cause of death among Americans.

- Being physically active. Try to get at least 30 minutes of a moderate-level physical activity, such as brisk walking, on most and preferably all days of the week.

- Getting enough calcium and vitamin D. Women should get 1,000 to 1,500 mg of calcium each day after menopause, women need 1,500 mg of calcium a day. They should get up to 400 International Units a day of vitamin D.

A new concept in bunion surgery

By Dr. David Fine, DPM

Much has been written and said recently concerning bunion correction surgery. This article is intended to introduce a new, high-tech, innovative bunion correction procedure that allows immediate ambulation and a return to normal shoe gear in approximately three (3) weeks. This, combined with space-age physical therapy modalities, minimizes the amount of post-operative pain and swelling, making this procedure highly sought after as a permanent cure for painful bunion deformities.

It is felt by this author that a complete understanding of the cause of the bunion deformity is imperative to effect a proper correction. The bunion is a progressive joint based deformity that evolves over many years. The result of this evolu-

tory problem is a large bump at the side of the big toe joint, as well as a crooked big toe. The reason this deformity is painful is trauma and pressure from shoe gear on the bony bump. Since the big toe joint is crooked, jamming of the joint occurs while walking, resulting in arthritic changes.

If you have this deformity, you know that the bunion is more painful when a tight, pointed shoe of a firm material is worn. Simple logic would dictate that the tighter the shoe, the more pain as a result. Thus, the patient has two choices:

1. Buy and wear wider, softer shoes; or
2. Have the bunion deformity corrected, which rids the patient of the bunion protrusion and re-aligns the big toe joint, allowing normal function of the joint.

Any bunion procedure

not accomplishing these two objectives is doomed to failure.

The Scarf (Z Bunioneotomy) procedure is a relatively new procedure. It was first developed and extensively employed by several podiatrists in

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Farm Bureau calls for low-interest loans

The U.S. urgently needs a low-interest loan program that will help small farms run by families and minorities to continue operation, according to Florida Farm-Bureau Federation, the state's largest general interest agricultural organization. The fate of such farms in Florida and elsewhere is increasingly jeopardized by bad weather and declining markets.

Farm Bureau hailed last week's announcement by USDA that it would allow certain farmers who are forced with financial distress due to low prices to postpone certain loan payments. The announcement covers 1998 farm ownership and operating payments that normally have been due on Jan. 1, 1999. The deferred payments will be added on to the end of the repayment period.

Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman said USDA will use all of its loan servicing authorities, including debt reschedul-

ing and forgiveness, to assist farmers. USDA will inform lenders who make USDA guaranteed loans about available options for borrowers. Guaranteed lenders can reschedule and defer payments and write down debt.

"The action by the secretary will undoubtedly benefit many farmers who are already at risk," said Pat Cockrell, director of Florida Farm Bureau's Agriculture Policy Division. "However, it does not address the larger problem facing farmers whose operations have historically not been at risk. These farmers, because of reduced yields and reduced farm prices, have seen their financial base eroding. They have in fact lost equity."

Federal laws authorize USDA to reschedule loan payments or write down part of a loan, depending on the recovery value of the loan and the borrower's ability to pay. Writing-down debt is allowed only

if USDA has no reasonable hope of collecting the entire amount of the debt. Until those farmers reach the point where they have no equity in their farms, they cannot qualify for low interest loans guaranteed by the government.

A new program should be developed that would offer low-interest loans that could keep farmers from reaching the point where their operations are "at risk," Farm Bureau supports development of a dependable, realistic low interest loan program that will keep farmers out of the "last resort" programs. The economy of many rural areas depends on profitable farming operations. In the absence of those profitable operations, rural economies will decline.

Florida Farm Bureau Federation, based in Gainesville, has more than 133,000 members statewide. There is a Farm Bureau office in Belle Glade located on Hooker Highway.



Overwhelming majority of child seats installed wrong

By Cathy Keen
University of Florida News

More than 95 percent of children in child safety seats in the state could be killed or injured because the devices are not properly secured to the vehicle, says a University of Florida researcher.

"We have documentation on more than 1,500 child safety seats in vehicle inspections," said Moray Willis, a UF engineering researcher and project director for the Florida Child Passenger Safety Program. "We discovered less than 3 percent were installed correctly. That's just horrifying," she said.

The inspection statistics were compiled from a series of voluntary checkpoints statewide during the past year, said Ms. Willis. Parents could drive up with their children in child safety seats to see if the seat was installed properly and correctly fit the child.

The program, funded by the Florida Department of Transportation through UF's Technology Transfer Center, trains law enforcement officers, fire and rescue workers, hospital personnel and safety advocates statewide on the use of child restraint systems, air bags and seat belts. There are at least 900 different car models, 1,000 car safety seats and 20 seat belt systems, she said.

Ms. Willis said she doesn't blame parents, who are stuck with difficult-to-read instructions that are written by technicians and re-written by lawyers. Compounding the problem is the incompatibility of car seats with the seat belt

systems already in place in vehicles, she said.

"Basically, vehicles and seat belts are designed for the 50th percentile male, who is about 5'10 1/2" and weighs 165 pounds," Ms. Willis said.

At statewide checkpoints, the most common mistake involving child safety seats was not using the metal locking clip that comes with the car seat if the vehicle's seat belt system has what's known as an "emergency locking retractor," she said.

The retractor is a mechanical device to take up and feed out the seat belt webbing, allowing the wearer to shift comfortably in the seat and not be buckled up. It locks the belt in place when there is a sudden change in momentum, such as a crash. This kind of seat belt system needs a locking clip because it slides freely until the locking mechanism is engaged, she said.

Even when the clip is used, it is often attached to the seat belt on the wrong side of the child safety seat, where it could slip or break during a crash, Ms. Willis said. It must be placed about a 1/2 inch to 1 inch from the latchplate in order to hold the two pieces of belt webbing together securely, she said.

The vehicle owner's manual not only identifies the type of seat belt system used, but contains other useful tips for installing a car safety seat in a particular model, she said.

Incorrectly threaded harness straps and loose car seats pose another problem. "Once you install the seat, grab hold of

both sides where it is anchored to the vehicle and try to jerk it forward," she said. "If it moves more than an inch, it's not secured correctly."

Although child safety seat manufacturers recommend children up to 20 pounds be in rear-facing car seats, Willis' group and the American Academy of Pediatrics strongly urge that this practice continue through the first year even if a child weighs more than 20 pounds. "A child's body under 1 year of age is not at a stage of physical development that would enable it to withstand the force of a crash when facing forward," she said.

And even though state law allows children to sit in seat belts once they reach age 4, they are safer in booster seats until they exceed the weight limits recommended by the child safety seat manufacturers, Ms. Willis said. A new child safety seat designed in Germany that is supposed to be available in the United States next year can be adjusted to fit a child between 9 months and 12 years of age, she said.


"A child's body is very different from an adult's, and it is necessary to provide additional protection for them in a crash scenario," she said. "The most severe crashes we see people walk away from involve race car drivers. They wear a full seat belt harness system that secures them tightly in the vehicle. Ideally, that's what our kids deserve."

For more information, contact Ms. Willis at (352) 292-2371, ext. 300.

Looking back through time...



We're not sure what was going on in this photo, taken in the early 1970s, but the men appear to be getting ready for flight. Also, we ran a photo two weeks ago showing cheerleaders. We said they were from Christian Day School. Several readers called to let us know the girls were from Glades Day School.



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Exercising just three days a week may provide heart attack protection

By Kristin Harmel
University of Florida News

It's mid-morning on Cape Cod and the thermometer has barely climbed above 50 degrees, but 72-year-old Joseph Sullivan is out walking. Every day he puts his headphones on and walks two or three miles around Cape Cod's Kelley Park.

"I love to go out and get some fresh air," Mr. Sullivan said. "It also helps me to stay in relatively decent shape."

But Mr. Sullivan is doing more than just staying physically fit. He is generating in his heart a protein called Heat Shock Protein 72, or HSP72, which protects against injury in the event of a heart attack.

According to a recent study by University of Florida researchers, less than a week's worth of walking, jogging or cycling can help the heart produce enough HSP72 to protect it against the damage done during a heart attack.

"We've done studies that indicate that as little as three days of exercise can provide protection," said Scott Powers, a professor in UF's department of exercise and sport sciences. In rats tested at UF, as few as five days of exercise produced almost the maximum amount of HSP72 that cells can hold.

"It raises the possibility that this could be true of humans, too, and we think that this is very exciting," Prof. Powers said.

HSP72 is in a family of proteins that form in the cells and protect organs in the body, such as the heart, against the type of extreme stress that a heart-attack can cause. During stress, scientists believe, HSP72 can stabilize and rebuild damaged proteins, which is vital to preserving the heart if blood circulation is cut off.

"The whole problem of a heart attack is that if cells die, they're gone forever," Prof. Powers said. "What this heat

shock protein does is to prevent the cell from dying from stress that would kill cells that didn't have the same level of stress protein. You're wounded, but you don't die."

Funded by the American Heart Association-Florida Affiliate, the series of studies Prof. Powers performed, some of which were published in November's American Journal of Physiology, were among the first to examine the effects of exercise on the heart "in vivo" or inside the bodies of live animals.

"A lot of studies take the heart out of the body and study it in an artificially created condition," Prof. Powers said. "Certainly, there's a lot you can learn from that, but many people argue that it doesn't mimic normal physiology."

UF researchers induced heart attacks in two groups of rats: one that had trained on SEE EXERCISING/PAGE 5



South Florida Fair representatives gave a presentation to members of the Belle Glade Rotary Club recently. The fair will be open through this Sunday and fair officials invite everyone to stop by. Shown, from left are John Picano, director of public relations/guest services, Phil Haire with WBGF, Belle Glade, and fair representative Buck Christian.

EXERCISING FROM PG. 4
treadmills and one that had not been trained at all. The untrained animals fared much worse after the induced heart attacks, a factor that Prof. Powers attributes to the approximately 500 percent increase of HSP72 in the trained rats.

"These experiments are the first to demonstrate that this actually works in the body," Prof. Powers said. "It's long been believed that exercise protects the heart, but I think these experiments actually pro-

vide good evidence that exercise is indeed cardio-protective in terms of being able to withstand a heart attack because of this stress protein."

Although regular exercise has other health benefits that can prevent heart attacks or protect the body in the event of heart attack, Prof. Powers said HSP72 plays a large role in protection, and because it can be synthesized so quickly, it is never too late to begin exercising.

Prof. Powers recommends performing endurance exercise

such as walking, jogging and cycling for at least 30 minutes a day because the heat generated during endurance exercise plays an important role in the synthesis of heat shock proteins. However, he warns that keeping up with an exercise routine is essential because the proteins can be depleted as quickly as they are created.

"These proteins don't stay around very long," he said. "You have to continue with the exercise, or you lose the protection."

Sunspots



Army Corps to hold meetings on Lake Okeechobee aquatic plant management

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a public information meeting for tonight to discuss goals and objectives of the Aquatic Plant Control Program on Lake Okeechobee for the coming year. The Corps is responsible for the management of exotic aquatic plants on Lake Okeechobee.

The meeting will be held at the Okeechobee Teen Center, 309 2nd Ave., Okeechobee, from 7-9 p.m.

The Corps will give a brief overview of the Aquatic Plant Control program, discuss program goals, introduce the field

operations and Corps program Biologists, and follow up with a "Question and Answer" session. Lake users and all others interested in the Aquatic Plant Control program are encouraged to attend.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Biologist at (941) 983-8101 extension 249.

Commissioner Masolitti to be in area

District 6 County Commissioner Tony Masolitti will be in his office in the Glades on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Anyone wishing to make an appointment to meet with Commissioner Masolitti can call his Legislative Assistant Sue Bailey at 996-4800.

Fourth in free series is this Thursday

The EDGE Center Inc. (Enterprise Development for Glades Entrepreneurs) and Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus, will present the fourth week in a series of free business improvement seminars.

The fourth seminar will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28 when the discussion will be on "Accounting and Record Keeping" and on the following Thursday, Feb. 4, the fifth and final topic will be "The Requirements for Starting a Home-based Business."

All seminars are held at the Glades Campus of Palm Beach Community College, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There are still a few seats available.

To reserve your seat, call the EDGE Center at 993-3343.

International speaker to be at Good Shepherd

Noted author and international speaker, Dr. Paul Crises will be at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 10:50 a.m. Dr. Crises challenges audiences throughout the world to discover and develop their God-given purposes. Dr. Crises is the author of several books including "Discovering the Power of Purpose" and "Five Universal Secrets of Success." He is the founder and

president of People with Purpose, a not-for-profit organization based in Tampa Bay. Pastor James Brewer invites the public to attend the services. The church is located at 1800 Bacon Point Road.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 16 arrests the week of January 18-24.

Those arrested included:

January 18 - No arrests.

January 19 - No arrests.

January 20 - Juveniles, 12, 12, & 14, burglary and petty theft.

January 21 - Melvin D. Burgess, 28, strong arm robbery, aggravated battery and battery; Juvenile, 16, warrant for failure to appear.

January 22 - Marcos Garcia, 30, criminal mischief; Juvenile, 14, burglary, petty theft, criminal mischief and dealing in stolen property; Juvenile, 15, retail theft; Tukele Harris, 19, aggravated assault and warrant for failure to appear; Juan Martinez, 22, warrant for violation of probation; Juvenile, battery on a police officer and disturbing a school function; Juvenile, 16, grand theft auto and warrants for burglary and grand theft.

January 23 - Shaun Robertson, 29, domestic battery; Christopher Williams, 21, warrant for failure to appear; Lawrence Cooper, 54, warrant for failure to comply and failure to appear.

January 24 - Erasmo Medrano, 23, disorderly intoxication.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 629 complaints, worked 11 crime scenes and gave 13 traffic citations the week of January 18-26.

Those arrested included:

January 18 - Antonio Barron, 24, uttering a forged instrument.

January 19 - Marvin Cornelius Cox, 21, false imprisonment, sexual battery on a person under 16 and contempt of court; Woodrow Walker, 43, throwing a deadly missile; Viola Robinson Phillips, 48, retail

theft; Donald Wint, 25, aggravated domestic battery with a firearm, grand theft of a firearm and failure to appear; Eddie Holland, 30, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and obstructing an officer without violence.

January 20 - Nathaniel Burroughs, 33, contempt of court.

January 21 - Ogeda Dennis, 50, sexual battery on a person under 12 years of age.

January 22 - Thomas Martin, 19, robbery with lesser charges of petty theft; Charles Alfred Daniels, 22, exposure of sexual organs and possession of marijuana with intent to sell; Jermaine Odums, 24, armed burglary of a dwelling and possession of heroin; Wilson Philemon, 22, armed burglary of a dwelling and possession of heroin; Juvenile, 16, grand theft auto and resisting arrest without violence.

January 23 - Juvenile, 14, strong arm robbery and petty theft; Juan Zavala, 30, trespassing after warning; Javon Woodson, 23, failure to appear; Wylie Billups, 23, violation of probation; Eddie Brooke, 44, domestic battery; Luis Dominguez, 27, battery; Noe Banda, 24, battery.

January 24 - Kenneth Hartwick, 48, burglary of a structure and petty theft.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 5 arrests the week of January 17-23.

Those arrested included:

January 17 - No arrests.

January 18 - No arrests.

January 19 - Juvenile, larceny; Juvenile, larceny; Ashante Cokley, 22, trespassing.

January 20 - Juvenile, 10, aggravated battery; Rey-Triston Martinez, 24, warrant arrest.

January 21 - No arrests.

January 22 - No arrests.

January 23 - No arrests.

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CRIME STOPPERS



Carlos G. Perez

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Carlos G. Perez, who is wanted for burglary of a dwelling and dealing in stolen property.

Perez is 5'7" tall, and weighs 150 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is June 14, 1976. His last known address was 1714 Loxahatchee Drive, West Palm Beach.

His Social Security number is 583-75-0124 and his last occupation is unknown.

His warrant was active as of January 19, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Carlos Perez, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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The West Tech Center connects with counselors

The West Technical Education Center's faculty, staff, counselors and administrators, together with West Area school representative took a tour of the Glades area to formulate the beginning of a school-to-work partnership of recruitment and planning for career academics serving area high school students.

The activities included breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Lee Berryhill Center where counselors were briefed on the future changes for West Tech over the next three years.

It was reported by the Director of West Tech, Dr. Cynthia Smith that the transition would begin with the 11th and 12th graders in the fall of 1999.

The phasing in of 9th and 10th graders would follow, whereby, West Tech would eventually become a fully accredited high school.

It is expected that students will be recruited and selected among those who can maintain a 2.0 grade point average and can function on a 7th grade reading level. Academics will

be stressed equally with careers.

The three career academics that will be up and running for the Fall school year include:

Communications Academy

This program will partner West Tech and Bell South in a paid apprenticeship program.

Diesel Mechanics Academy

The Diesel Academy will employ high-tech diagnostic equipment for diesel truck repair.

Health Academy

This academy will prepare the licensed practical nurse. By the time a student finishes high school, health care credentials would be completed.

Those interested in the academics should inquire to Jeannie Squitier or Wayne Johnson at 996-4930.

Flag Football comes to Pahokee

The City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation Department has formed a flag football team called the "Pahokee Bandits."

The game of Flag Football is not new to the areas of West Palm Beach and Belle Glade, but it is new to Pahokee.

The team members are: Ronald Osborne, who is the

team coach, Herbert Crawford, William Thompson, James Scott, Kirk Fryer, Edward Mays, Tyrone Clevan, Roy Adams, Terry Evans, James Epps, Corey Graham, Monroe Young III, Eastaban Hannah and Lawrence Butler. The teams first official game was held on Thursday, Jan. 21.

Pope John defeats Pahokee

On Friday, Jan. 15, the Pahokee Blue Devils Basketball team hosted Pope John Paul.

The gym was full with non-stop cheering as fans from both the home team and visitors expressed their excitement.

The first half of the game Pope John Paul seemed to have won the game. They tried to guard all of the Blue Devils key

players. The Blue Devils, determined to win, for Pope John Paul all over the court. However, even as the Blue Devils tried to hold them off as hard as they could, they couldn't hold off John Paul who won the game 74 to 63.

One of the Blue Devils said the team was just to relaxed and it accounted for the loss.

Several Colleges luring Pahokee High School football star Anquan Boldin

Colleges across the state are trying to lure Pahokee High School football star and senior Anquan Boldin.

Boldin has recently returned from trips to Florida State University and the University of Florida, where he has been touring the campuses. This weekend he will head to the University of Miami before deciding which school he will attend. He is not tipping his hand toward any of the schools so far.

This year, Anquan passed for 38 touchdowns and ran for 20 to lead Pahokee to the Class 3A championship game, and college recruiters believe he is even better on defense. He emerges as Florida's No. 1 player on the Orlando Sentinel's 80th annual All-Southern football team.

Anquan is joined by a colorful cast of players including a trio of Central Floridians such as Ocoola junior Willie Green, who scored, 34, touchdowns leading the Kowboys to the 3A championship and Jeff Faine

and Roy Williams, who earned national recognition as offensive and defensive linemen for Seminole and Deland.

However, according to officials, Anquan was the player who could do it all. He seldom came off the field, doing the punting, returning kick, making big-time hits in the secondary and producing touchdowns and yardage on offense.

He rushed for 1,833 yards and passed for 2,842 this year and also finished with four interceptions on defense.

Pahokee's Coach Joe Marx describes Boldin as a great competitor. "His physical skills speak for themselves," said Coach Marx. "What he can do offensively, defensively, as well as punt and return kicks. I've not seen anyone as dynamic as him. That's for sure."

No matter which school Anquan decides to attend Pahokee will have him as their hometown hero.

GLADES DAY

GATOR TALES

By Stephanie L. Stein & Donnie Scruggs

The second semester has begun and Glades Day students are wasting no time in getting involved with the many activities that are offered.

First, we'd like to congratulate eighth grader Nicky Sanchez for winning the school's Spelling Bee held this month for junior high students. Nicky eventually beat out classmate runner-up Ronny Brown in a spell-off after the two eliminated a dozen other contenders. Both students will represent GDS at the regional Scripps Howard Spelling Bee in West Palm Beach next month. Good Luck!!

Sports fans can look for Glades Day students on ESPN starting Feb. 8, when GDS will get to participate in a TV commercial that includes area schools from around Lake Okechobee. The commercial, titled "Around the Lake in 60 Seconds," will inform viewers of special activities going on at each school. Each school has an 18-second segment.

Senior Glass play rehearsals have started for the Class of 1999 for this year's comedy, "They Run In Our Family." The three-act comedy by Donald Payton is about one family's involvement in high school athletics - and we do mean involvement! The play will be held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 p.m., March 19. Tickets, which will be available at a later date, cost \$10.

Back by popular demand is the elementary's second annual Grandparent's Day on Monday, Feb. 1. Grandparents are invited to come and visit their grandchildren and eat breakfast with them at school any time between 8-10 a.m. They can also accompany the students to the Troll Book Fair in the elementary library. The preschool and kindergarten classes also have a special performance as a treat for the visitors. Anyone who has any questions may contact the elementary office at 996-4140.

GDS congratulates the winners of the Elks Club National "Hoop Shot" Free Throw Contest: Ages 8-9 Nadia Esquivel, Coleman Sample, Ages 10-11: Jessica Paetz, Tyler Tieder, Ages 12-13: Megan Byrd and Nicky Sanchez.

And last, but not least, GDS also congratulates 8th grader Brannan Thomas, who won 1st place in the South Bay, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., oratorical contest!

Brannan, a first year student at GDS who plays football and basketball, received a certificate and \$75 from the City of South Bay.



West Technical Education Center staff were invited to a tour of U.S. Sugar field and the new refinery in Clewiston.

West Tech staff tours U.S. Sugar

On Jan. 19, the faculty, staff, counselors and administrators from the West Technical Education Center along with West Area school representatives were given an extensive tour of the U.S. Sugar field and refinery operations.

The purpose of the tour was to familiarize the faculty with the harvesting and refining of sugar cane and enlighten the area schools of the job opportunities that may be available to gradu-

ates.

The tour, hosted by Jackie Hilyer and Brian Sorrell, included the viewing of a "field burn" and the operations of the new sugar refinery.

The group of 35 also visited the Research Station and a Sugar Corporation village.

The staff of the Clewiston Inn provided the group with a delicious lunch that was enjoyed by all.

ARC Golf Tournament a Three-Way tie for three teams

Eighty-four golfers scrambled for the 9 a.m. tee-off at the Bella Glade Municipal Golf Course tournament benefiting the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens. The event was a tremendous success, notable for a three way tie for first place, a shot for \$1,000,000.00 landed pin high but off to the right and two teams donating prizes back to the association.

For the first time in its nineteen-year history, three teams turned in a "score of 61" to tie for the trophy. A scorecard playoff was used to rank the teams for prizes, but all three teams will be recognized on the permanent trophy as winners of the tournament. The winning teams were: Kelly Teets, Ken Davies, Matt Weeks and Brian Lohman, Jim Sylvester, Bob MacCarrick, Gino Horton and Bob Wilson. The team of Wendy Miller, Raymond Cunningham, Dennis Wedgeworth and Timmy McKee carded a 60, but voluntarily forfeited to 4th place due to individual handicaps of the team members. Both the Teets team and the Miller team donated their prizes back to ARC.



Beehive will be at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. To reserve your seats call 992-6160.

"Beehive" puts sizzle and sting into 60's songs

Beehive, a high energy musical review tracing the coming of age of women's music, will be at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The musical features 35 popular hits of the girl groups and solo singers of the 1960's. The Chiffons, The Shirelles, The Shangri-las, The Supremes, Leslie Gore, Connie Francis, Petula Clark, Tina Turner and the Ikettes, Aretha Franklin

and many more. The show features over 50 costume and wig changes, a cast of five wailing women, and a hot six piece on-stage band.

Featured songs include "My Boyfriend's Back," "Sweet Talkin' Guy," "One Fine Day," "Will You Still Love me Tomorrow," "I Hear A Symphony," "It's My party," "Downtown," "Where The Boys Are," "You Don't Have To Say You Love Me," "Proud Mary" and "Respect."

Currently on an 18-week national tour, Beehive has played 18 months Off Broadway, a year on a previous national tour, 15 months in

Denver, a sold out month in San Jose, six months in Detroit, a year in Las Vegas, as well as runs in Fort Worth and Houston.

All across America critics are raving about Beehive. The New York Times says, "A cherry coke with plenty of fizz! The audience devours Beehive like a three foot hoagie. Beehive is a rafter-raising musical."

Tickets for Beehive are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. Also, featured in the Grand Hall will be the artwork of Clewiston artist, Mimi McCallum.

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Social News

Ebony Elite Ladies Society

The Ebony Elite Ladies Society of the Glades has held its first meeting of the new year.

During the course of this meeting the members chose their Charity Project for the year. The group is to give a check to one family or person each month of the year. The money is to be used for whatever purpose is best for the family's organizations in the City of Pahokee and truly believes in helping others.

Elsie L. Singletary serves as president, Helen Marcy is vice president and Juanita Williams is recording secretary.

The societies motto is: Walking By Faith, Not by Sight as We Serve God and Mankind.

Xi Beta Tau

The regular monthly meeting of Xi Beta Tau was held on Jan. 7 at the home of Kay Korbly.

Plans for the second annual Valentine Cookie Bake Sale were finalized. Be sure to order one with a personal message for those special people in your life.

A vote was taken for the chapter "Valentine Queen" who will be announced and honored at the next regular meeting. Jo Hatten presented a personalized beauty program.

Refreshments were served by Alice Thompson and "Swapero" was won by Amy Schenck. The next regular meeting will be held on Feb. 11 at the home of Lynda Moss.

The program will be "Cookie Baking and Decorating." Members attending the January meeting were: Frances Adams, Anita Brunson, Teryl Collier, Mirtha Graydon, Jo Hatten, Kay Korbly, JoAnn Law, Omaida Milliron, Lynda Moss, Tina Provenciale, Amy Schenck, Sandy Simonson, Alice Thompson and Carlene Walker.

Beta Sigma

The Nu Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its last meeting at the home of Becky White.

The decorations and refreshments were all done in silver and white to celebrate the winter month.

Each member received a "pamper you" gift from the hostess.

A report was given on the gifts that were donated to an area family at Christmas.

Plans continued for the annual Founder's Day luncheon. The program presented was on "impulse buying."

Those members present were Elizabeth Harrington, Bethy Hodges, Nora Omelas, Marsha Smith and Julie Zambory. One guest also attended, Anita Kirch.

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Obituaries

Week of January 28, 1999

Jose Refugio Ramirez, 70, of South Bay died Friday Jan. 15 in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Ramirez was in the trucking business in the Glades for many years.

Mr. Ramirez is survived by his loving wife Guadalupe, of Belle Glade. Sons, Carlos, Louis, Rayes and daughters, Juanita, Mary, Dora, Francis, Teresa and Rosalinda, all of Belle Glade.

He is also survived by a sister, Juanita of Belle Glade and 35 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 18 at St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Belle Glade. Interment followed at Queen of Peace Cemetery in West Palm Beach.

Arrangements were made by Glades Funeral Chapel.

Cassie Chaney, 94, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 20 at Okeechobee Health Care Facility.

Mrs. Chaney was born in Valdosta, Ga. on June 29, 1904.

She is survived by her daughters Hazel Herbert of Okeechobee and Carolyn Schneider of Labelle. One

son Ralph Chaney of St. Albans, West Virginia, a sister Lillie Register of Stansville, Ga and nine grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

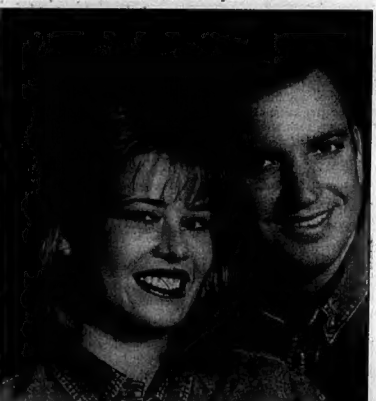
The funeral was held on Monday, Jan. 25 at the Believers Fellowship Church. Officiating was Pastor Nick Hopkins. Interment was held at Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Raul Cardenty, 83, of Belle Glade died Monday, Jan. 18. He was born in Cuba and was a foreman in the agriculture business.

Mr. Cardenty is survived by his wife Rosa of Belle Glade, his sons, Armando of Miami and Pedro Raul of Belle Glade and daughter Filomena of Belle Glade, his brothers Victor and Wilfredo of Cuba and sisters, Ena, Ana, Aida, Lidia, all of Cuba and Blanca of Miami. He had 13 grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Jan. 20 at Foreverglades Mausoleum in Belle Glade.

Arrangements were made by Glades Funeral Chapel.



Amy Prescott and Scott Wilkins to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Prescott of Belle Glade have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Nicole Prescott to Scott Christopher Wilkins of Tallahassee.

Mr. Wilkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chavustice of Scottsdale, Arizona and Ms. Margie Wilkins and the late Robert Wilkins of Boca Raton.

Miss Prescott is a 1993 graduate of Glades Day School. She received an Associate's Degree from Florida State University where she was a member of Phi Beta Phi Sorority and Lady Scalphunters. She graduated from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, December

1997, with a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education. She is a first grade teacher at Gove Elementary School in Belle Glade.

Mr. Wilkins is a 1988 graduate of J.P. Taravilla High School in Coral Springs and a 1993 graduate of Florida State University with a Bachelor's Degree in social science.

He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and Scalphunters. He is a mortgage bank consultant and is studying for a Master's Degree in business administration at Florida State University.

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